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## IN THE CLAIMS

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Please cancel claims 3, 10, and 17, and amend claims 1, 8, and 15 as follows:

1 (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of obtaining a map in a computer graphics program comprising:

receiving a request for a map picture;

obtaining a map file in response to the request;

determining, from the map file, a uniform resource locator (URL) that identifies a storage location of vector based map data, wherein the vector based map data defines one or more map objects of the map picture; and

obtaining the vector based map data from the storage location at the URL, wherein the obtained vector based map data satisfies the request for the map picture; and displaying the map picture.

- 2. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein only the vector based map data required to satisfy the request is obtained.
  - 3. (CANCELLED)
- 4. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the vector based map data is obtained from a map server across a nerwork connection.
  - 5. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising creating the map file.

- 6. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising setting map display properties and a level of interaction.
- 7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the claim steps are performed by a browser plug-in.
- 8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus for obtaining a map computerimplemented graphics system comprising:
  - (a) a computer;
  - (b) an application executing on the computer, wherein the application is configured to:
    - (i) receive a request for a map picture;
    - (ii) obtain a map file in response to the request;
  - (iii) determine, from the map file, a uniform resource locator (URL) that identifies a storage location of vector based map data, wherein the vector based map data defines one or more map objects of the map picture; and
  - (iv) obtain the vector based map data from the storage location at the URL, wherein the obtained vector based map data satisfies the request for the map picture; and

    (v) display the map picture.
- 9. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein only the vector based map data required to satisfy the request is obtained.

- 10. (CANCELLED)
- 11. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the vector based map data is obtained from a map server across a network connection.
- 12. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the application is further configured to create the map file.
- 13. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the application is further configured to set map display properties and a level of interaction.
- 14. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the application comprises a browser plug-in.
- 15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An article of manufacture comprising a computer program storage device storing instructions that when read and executed by a computer, results in the computer performing a method for embodying logic obtaining a map on that causes a computer implemented graphics system to obtain a map, wherein the logic method comprises:

receiving a request for a map picture;

obtaining a map file in response to the request;

determining, from the map file, a uniform resource locator (URL) that identifies a storage location of vector based map data, wherein the vector based map data defines one or more map objects of the map picture; and

obtaining the vector based map data from the storage location a the URL, wherein the obtained vector based map data satisfies the request for the map picture; and display the map picture.

- 16. (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 15, wherein only the vector based map data required to satisfy the request is obtained.
  - 17. (CANCELLED)
- 18. (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 15, wherein the vector based map data is obtained from a map server across a network connection.
- 19. (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 15, the logic further comprises creating the map file.
- 20. (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 15, the logic further comprises setting map display properties and a level of interaction.
- 21. (ORIGINAL) The article of manufacture of claim 15, wherein the logic is performed by a browser plug-in.